

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q90847

Takanori MIYOSHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/552,682

Group Art Unit: 1793

Confirmation No.: 3821

Examiner: James E MCDONOUGH

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For: CATALYST-SUPPORTING FIBER STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING
THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2008, including a Restriction Requirement as set forth at page 2, Applicant elects Group III, claims 19 - 21 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

It is noted that at page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 - 9 and 15 - 25 are generic.

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one species, and has required to elect a single disclosed species of the fiber-forming organic polymer used.

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In response to this requirement understood to be made for purposes of the initial examination, Applicant elects polyacrylonitrile (e.g., see page 13, line 24, Example 6 at pages 36 - 37, etc.).

It appears that claims 1 - 11 and 15 - 25 read on the elected species.

Applicant respectfully submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application, and Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider rejoinder of non-elected claims.

Applicant also reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected non-rejoined claims.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.


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